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Mr. Kent B. Crane
Administrative Assistant
Congressman Pater H. B. Frelinghuysen
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Kent:

Per your request here are copies of the letters Mr. Colby
sent to the Executive Director of the Commission and Chairman
Murphy.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Acting Deputy to the DCI
for the Intelligence Community

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The Honorable Robert D. Murphy
Chairman of the Board
Corning International Corporation
717 5th Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Dear Bob:

Attached is a copy of a letter I recently sent to Fran Wilcox. I propose to address the covert operations interest in context with your earlier letter to me. You will appreciate that the sensitivity of current activities precludes wider discussion. However, should you or other commissioners desire further elaborations, please let me know.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

Attachment
as stated

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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Dean Francis O. Wilcox
Commission on the Organization of the
Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy
2025 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Fran:

Thank you for your letter of 25 October requesting a briefing on covert operations to be given the Commissioners on 18 November in the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board offices.

We plan to provide a broad treatment of the subject with some historic examples and a description of the decision processes involved, their approval and oversight. The briefing will be designed particularly to provide the Commissioners with a clear picture of how covert operations serve U.S. foreign policy. Current covert operations will not be covered. Should any of the Commissioners find further need to go into sensitive current activity, I have advised Ambassador Murphy that I will treat with this request separately in a more restrictive session.

Sincerely,

Wsz Bill

W. E. Colby

cc: Ambassador Murphy